

Minute of Performance and Audit Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday 19th November 2019

Time: 2.00pm

Place: Maybole Committee Room, County Buildings, Ayr

Present

Linda Semple (Vice Chair)

Councillor Julie Dettbarn

Hugh Millar, Representative Member – NHS Public Involvement Network

In Attendance

Tim Eltringham, Chief Officer & Director of Health and Social Care

Laura Miller, Chief Internal Auditor

Rob Whiteford, Chief Finance Officer

Kirstin Kerr, Performance Monitoring Officer

Steven Kelly, SDS Team Leader

Stephen McCutcheon, Team Leader, Community Mental Health

Lynn Campbell, Administration Assistant

Linda Semple in the Chair.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were noted from Councillor William Grant, Lesley Bowie and Billy McClean.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest by Members of the Committee in terms of Standing Order No. 7, the Standards in Public Life – Code of Conduct for Members of Devolved Public Bodies.

3. Minute of Previous Meeting

The minute of the meeting held on 23 August 2019 (previously circulated) was approved by the Committee.

4. Matters Arising

A paper was submitted (previously circulated) updating Members of the Committee on matters arising from previous meetings of the Performance and Audit Committee and the following was noted:

South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership Performance Report –T. Eltringham advised the Committee this item is on the agenda for discussion.

Self-Directed Support –T. Eltringham advised that the item on the agenda for discussion.

Ministerial Strategic Group for Health and Community Care – T. Eltringham advised the Committee this item is on the agenda for discussion.

Palliative and End of Life Care – A successful briefing was held prior to the Integration Joint Board meeting on 6 November 2019 for IJB Voting Members.

Older People's Service Performance Report – An update report will be presented to the Committee on 19 November 2019. Item on the agenda for discussion.

Commissioning Update – A progress report will be submitted to the Committee on 21st February, 2020.

5. **South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership Performance Report**

A report was submitted (previously circulated) by the Chief Officer to update the Committee on the Performance of Community Health and Care, and Children's Health Care and Justice Services for the period to 30th September 2019

K. Kerr provided an update on the performance report highlighting the following areas:-

The number of emergency admissions to hospitals from care homes have reduced over the past year, K. Kerr advised the Committee this was a priority action within the Unscheduled Care Delivery Plan 2018/19. Steps are now being taken to reduce the rise in admission through GP alignment to Care Homes. H Miller acknowledged the good work that has been done in this area thanking those involved.

The number of inquiries to adult protection complete within 5 working days has steadily risen throughout the year from 70% to 83%.

An increase in the uptake of Self Directed Support options 1 and 2 was noted.

The number of carers that have received a carers assessment has doubled over the past year, the figure raising from 69 to 139. K. Kerr advised the Committee that that performance for 2019/20 has surpassed 2018/19 figures with 258 carers assessments being carried out between April and September 2019.

The Committee discussed the rise in the number of deaths by suicide and requested that further information on indicators, sex and methods be included in the next report. T. Eltringham acknowledged concerns including social media, peer abuse and sexual abuse and advised that he will request for Heads of Service to provide further information in these areas.

Within Children's and Care. and Justice Services it was noted that there was an increase in the numbers of women breastfeeding, South Ayrshire currently has the highest numbers within Ayrshire.

The number of children on the Child Protection Register has fallen in the past year from 44 in 2018 to 37 in 2019, as at October 2019 the number had further decreased to 31.

The chair acknowledged the good progress being made within Justice Services, suggesting access to screening programmes and health inequalities improvements may have a positive impact on the locality breakdowns. T. Eltringham advised that he will highlight concerns surrounding Community Payback to M. Inglis, Head of Children and Justice Services. L. Semple commented that it would be beneficial to have an overview of the figures for this year.

L. Semple thanked K. Kerr for the report and acknowledged that some of the performance improvements will not be evidenced until the next report is produced.

The Committee noted the performance data detailed within the report and appendix 1 and appendix 2.

6. Self-Directed Support

A report was submitted (previously circulated) by the Chief Social Work Officer to update the Committee on the ongoing developments in Self-Directed Support across the South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership.

S. Kelly provided the Committee with a background to the implementation of the resource allocation system (RAS) advising the new system replaces the equivalency model.

The RAS Implementation Group was developed, consisting of front-line staff and senior operational managers. A review of screening, assessments and support planning tools was carried out and lessons learned were taken from other local authorities. A full review of phase 1 is now complete.

Phase two of the project consisted of developing screening, review and support planning tools, staff were then consulted on their views of the tools. New pathway guidelines and paperwork were developed and the financial overview of care packages was finalised.

Phase three of the project is scheduled to run from 1st October 2019 to 31st December 2019. The project timescales are currently on schedule.

The Performance & Audit Committee noted the progress to date and endorsed the progress and action plan.

7. Ministerial Strategic Group for Health and Community Care

A report was submitted (previously circulated) by the Chief Officer to update the Committee on the progress of the Ministerial Strategic Group.

The Chief Officer advised the Committee that an update report was expected to be delivered to the three-way meeting on 12 November 2019 however due to unforeseen circumstances the meeting did not go ahead. Therefore this will be discussed at a future meeting.

The Review of Integration Scheme timetable has proven to be challenging, the Chief Officer advised discussions will be held at a meeting being held with Scottish Government and the Chief Executives of the Council and NHS Ayrshire and Arran on 19 November 2019.

T. Eltringham advised the Committee that shortlisting will commence on 25 November 2019 for the Senior Manager, Planning and Performance post. The Finance Post is currently in the recruitment process. T. Eltringham advised the Committee that he is temporarily acting as Chief Social Work Officer following the retirement of J. Lyon.

The Committee approved the updated action plan and noted the progress made to date.

8. Older People Service Performance Report

A report was submitted (previously circulated) by the Director of Health and Social Care to provide the Committee with an update on the statistical and performance information within Older People Services as at 30 September 2019.

K. Kerr reported the number residents in Care Homes had decreased overall. A slight increase was recorded in August 2019, this was a result of 12 additional funding places being made available for Biggart patients.

A reduction in care at home hours has been recorded, with an average of 9 hours per person per week. T. Eltringham noted that the reduction of hours was required in order to meet the budget constraints.

K. Kerr advised that as of 15 November 2019, the number of delayed discharges was 84, the main reasons for delays are 'code 9's, housing, and equipment and adaptations. Discussion followed. T. Eltringham advised that the Partnerships' focus is on those individuals who have waited for the longest period of time. Discussions followed and a suggestion was made to have an IJB briefing workshop on the processes and impact on acute care.

The Committee noted the trends in performance in Older People's Services.

9. Dementia Strategy

A report was submitted (previously circulated) by the Director of Health and Social Care providing an update to the Committee on the implementation of the 2018-2021 Dementia Strategy.

The Dementia Strategy was approved by the Integration Joint board at its meeting on 12 September 2018. S McCutcheon reported that significant progress has been made in terms of the action plan, 16 actions have been complete and 18 remain on target for completion.

S McCutcheon advised that the actions within the implementation plan support the strategic objectives of the strategy. S McCutcheon provided the Committee with a summarised update on each of the strategic objectives within the report.

T. Eltringham stressed the importance of the connection with Trading Standards to protect vulnerable people within South Ayrshire from harm.

L. Semple stated that it is important to note that good work around Dementia has been acknowledged within other forums. Discussion followed around the 'safe place' scheme.

L. Semple highlighted to the Committee that Phil White is currently working on the implementation of "Compassionate Ayrshire".

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

10. Any Other Business

None.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 21st February, 2020 in the Maybole Committee Room, County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr.